Working Women's Hostels

2811. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some working women hostels, with day care centre have recently been sanctioned by Government;

(b) if so, the number thereof and the likely working women to be benefited:

(c) by when these hostels are likely to be made operational; and

(d) the places where these hostels, with number thereof, would come up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) 5 new hostels have been sanctioned under the scheme in 2001-2002 till date. The sanctioned capacity of these 5 hostels is 349 women and 60 children in the day care centres attached to 2 of the 5 sanctioned hostels.

(c) It has been provided under the scheme that the building has to be completed as soon as possible and in any case not later than 24 months from the date of receipt of the first instalment of grants-in-aid, unless extension is granted by the Government of India.

(d) A Statement is annexed.

Statement

Distribution of Working Women's Hostels with Day Care Centres (DCC) for Children in 2001-2002 (Till Date)

Sl. No.	State/UT	No. of Hostels	No. of Working Women	No. of DCC	No. of Children
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1	100	1	30
2.	Kerala	1	121	1	30

1	2	3	4	5	6
3.	Nagaland	2	66	—	—
4.	Orissa	1	62	—	—
	Total:	5	349	2	60

Changes in Education Policy

†2812. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that changes in the education policy and new courses by Government have created serious difficulties for scholars, teachers, socialities, students and parents and they are discussing its effects on our future;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in the new education system, irrelevant facts have been mentioned about many great personalities of the country;

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to make the education controversy free; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHRIMATI RITA VERMA): (a) The National Policy on Education, 1986, as modified in 1992, continues to be in operation. New courses have only been introduced by the University Grants Commission in interested Universities.

(b) to (d) Concerns about certain references to personalities, leaders, some sections of the society etc. found included in the history text books at school level have been received from some quarters. Central Board of Secondary Educaiton (CBSE)/National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT) are taking necessary action in this regard. Due care is taken by the NCERT, while developing text books anew, based on the new syllabi in

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.